

wherein a contact lens care composition according to [one of claims 1, 6 or 7] claim 1, is brought into contact with a contact lens for a period of time that is sufficient to clean and optionally disinfect [it] said lens.

16. (amended) Method for cleaning and optionally disinfecting a contact lens, wherein a contact lens care composition according to [one of claims 2 to 5 or 8 to 10] claim 2, is brought into contact with a contact lens for a period of time that is sufficient to clean and optionally disinfect [it] said lens.

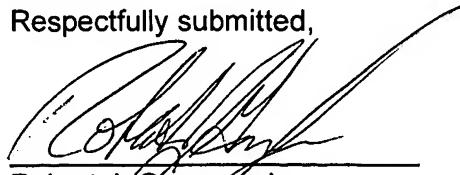
17. (new) Contact lens care composition according to claim 3, comprising an aqueous solution comprising 1 to 3 percent by weight of dexpantenol, based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition.

18. (new) Contact lens care composition according to claim 4, comprising 1 to 3 percent by weight D-sorbitol, based on the total weight of the contact lens care composition.

REMARKS

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Thomas Hoxie, Novartis Corporation, Patent and Trademark Department, 564 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

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